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Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/301880 filed November 21, 2002, by Morman et al. for "ABSORBENT ARTICLE MATERIAL WITH ELASTOMERIC BORDERS."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/301664 filed November 21, 2002, by Morman et al. for "ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH ELASTOMERIC BORDERED MATERIAL."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/730493 filed December 08, 2003, by Morman et al. for "ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH ELASTOMERIC BORDERED NECKED MATERIAL BODYSIDE LINER AND METHOD OF MAKING."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/730364 filed December 08, 2003, by Morman et al. for "ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH ELASTOMERIC BORDERED EXTENSIBLE MATERIAL BODYSIDE LINER AND METHOD OF MAKING."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/743245 filed December 22, 2003, by Maldonado et al. for "EXTENSIBLE AND STRETCH LAMINATES AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/302429 filed November 22, 2002, by Linker, et al. for "ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH IMPROVED FASTENING SYSTEM."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/703761 filed November 7, 2003, by McCormack et al. for "MICROPOROUS BREATHABLE ELASTIC FILMS, METHODS OF MAKING SAME, AND LIMITED USE OR DISPOSABLE PRODUCT APPLICATIONS."

Provisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/518100 filed November 7, 2003, by McCormack et al. for "MICROPOROUS BREATHABLE ELASTIC FILM LAMINATES, METHODS OF MAKING SAME, AND LIMITED USE OR DISPOSABLE PRODUCT APPLICATIONS."

These applications are not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449; however, copies of these applications are provided herewith.

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